



Sinclair hosts Career Exploration and Job Fair

Ken Petty
Reporter

Sinclair Community College will host its Annual Career Exploration and Job Fair, held in the Great Hall in Building 12 on April 9, beginning at noon and ending at 3 p.m.

This event, according to Matt Massie, Manager at Sinclair Career Services, is one of the largest and well attended events in the region.

"We are expecting close to 80 attending organizations and hoping for 500 plus career seekers," he said.

The organizations that have reserved space in the Great Hall include large companies, such as Emerson, as well as smaller businesses and health-care providers. For those interested in transferring after Sinclair instead of entering the workforce, several universities will be in attendance, including Miami University and Ohio University.

Leading up to the event, Career Services has organized preparation activities, including walk-in resume reviews, as well as a seminar on "How to Prepare for a Career Fair."

Additionally, literature on making the most of and preparing for the career fair is available in Career Services in Building 10, Room 312.

Career coaching is also one of the services provided before the event, and includes tips on appearance, strategy and other suggestions on how to successfully attend an event of this kind.

If you are using social media in your career search, it is advised that you look your best when using these sites.

The Students Support Sinclair (S3) Campaign and Career Services are teaming up to provide professional headshots to students and employees, with suggested donation amounts of \$10 from employees and \$5 from students. All proceeds will go toward the S3 campaign.

For more information, contact Career Services at (937) 512-2772.

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World Financial Group

Administration, Administrative/Support Services, IT/Systems, Research

Wright State University

Education

These are some of the employers expected to be in attendance at the Career Fair

BREAKING SOCIAL NORMS



Danny McCallum / Clarion Staff

Elevators serve as a prime illustrator of social norms, as people are generally expected to respect personal space, face forward and avoid lengthy eye-contact.

Jennifer Franer

Assistant Editor

Social norms are the unwritten rules that govern our daily interactions. They can be seen on campus in how we greet one another and interact – even in how we behave on an elevator.

"Social norms are typically an

unwritten or implied rule about how one is expected to behave," Associate Professor Nadien Cichy said. How we greet people, how closely people can stand — and a lot of our non-verbal communication is a result of learning social norms."

Cichy also said social norms dictate how we behave and how we respond to situations when it comes

to verbal and non-verbal communication, adding that people typically become upset when these norms are violated.

"One of the primary reasons we have social norms at all is so we know what to expect from others around us," she said. "So we understand how we're expected to behave in new situations."

Social norms are also seen as a way to manage uncertainty and can be established very quickly, according to Cichy.

"For example if a number of adults in Ohio get on an elevator and they've been Americans all their lives, they already understand what the norms are and they typically don't violate them," she said. "If you put a group of people together who come from entirely different cultures, they're going to eventually come up with a set of norms that works in that group that won't necessarily reflect any of their cultures."

Eman Burgman, a first-year student at Sinclair who was born in Iran, said she had to adjust to more than a few local social norms when she first came to the United States.

"I had to get used to a lot of the little things," she said. "Eye contact was something I was never very good at, but here in America it's considered impolite to not look at someone when speaking to them. I've gotten better."

Cichy said she uses the breaking of social norms in her classroom while teaching non-verbal communication, where she will not start the class when it is intended to, and flip

through pages of a book and stare at the computer for a couple minutes.

"Eventually I started class and asked, 'okay so, what happened there – why is class late? How do you know class hadn't started yet,'" she said. "Sometimes I use it as a device to get people to recognize we use a lot of these norms."

She said when social norms are broken people often get frustrated because they don't know the unspoken rules, and the behavior of others can become unpredictable, which causes anxiety.

"When we don't understand how we're supposed to behave we get frustrated," she said. "Add to that the fact that we like to predict how others will behave, so when people violate norms, their behavior becomes unpredictable and you are dealing with levels of anxiety."

Cichy said sometimes people take social norms for granted and have a hard time understanding that others may not share specific social norms.

"Social norms are absolutely essential in order to function in a culture without constantly being confused," she said. "The funny thing about them is that sometimes we don't share our norms and that's okay — it doesn't make them bad, or unstable, or an unpredictable person, we just sometimes don't share as many norms as we think we do."

For more on social norms, scan the QR code or go to Youtube.com/SinclairClarion



Spring begins, tornados become more possible

Whitney Vickers

Editor-in-Chief

Spring began on March 20. Although the Dayton area has not experienced much spring-like weather thus far, tornados will be more of a possibility.

According to Geography Professor Mohsen Khani, there is no particular tornado season, although they are more likely in spring and summer.

"There really is not a tornado season as such," he said. "It mainly happens in spring and summer time. The farther north you are, the later it happens in spring and summer because of the warm weather that has to be present."

Tornados form within severe thunderstorms by heavy rotation, but not every thunderstorm creates tornados, according to Khani.

"Sometimes tornados are preceded by a mesocyclone, which is a vertical rotation of air within the thunderstorm," he said.

A severe thunderstorm is categorized by storms with hail, wind speeds of 57 miles per hour or greater, or both.

"A lot of the times you might have wall clouds, which are very low clouds that form. Funnel clouds are what are issued at the base of the cloud, but sometimes they cannot touch the ground so they don't necessarily become a tornado. Funnel clouds can come down, then disappear. [However] it is a sign of rotation within the thunderstorm," he said. "There are many tornado alleys, when you hear of the main tornado alley, its referring to northern Texas through Oklahoma through Kansas, but there are many smaller tornado alleys and they

change because of weather patterns changing."

Xenia was the site of an F5 tornado 40 years ago, on April 3. It was one of multiple tornado outbreaks in 11 different states on April 3 and 4, and the most severe.

Khani said the outbreak of tornados killed 315 people, and injured 6,142.

"The hardest hit town was Xenia, where a half-mile wide tornado smashed homes and businesses in the town," Khani said. "Less than one percent of tornados are violent or super tornados, but they cause over 75 percent of fatalities."

Homer Ramby, who runs xenia-tornado.com and experienced the tornado in Xenia firsthand, took photos and helped rescue people with the Wayne Township Fire Department.

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With the arrival of spring comes the arrival of severe weather threats. It is advised to take weather alerts seriously.

E-cigs popularity increases despite health concerns



MCT

E-cigs are sometimes used as a tool to help smokers ween themselves off of cigarettes.

Andrew Fisher

News Editor

The popularity of electronic cigarettes, or e-cigs, has risen sharply in recent years despite growing health concerns and attempts to ban sales in certain areas of the country.

"I like them better than cigarettes because you're inhaling vapor and not smoke," Jake Duprey, a first year student at Sinclair Community College said.

According to the products' creators, e-cigs are a form of nicotine therapy that helps smokers to quit without experiencing the stress of nicotine withdrawal.

They still contain a small amount of nicotine that is mixed with flavors and other chemicals. The devices work by heating the liquid cartridge which eventually turns the mixture into an inhalable vapor. The battery-powered devices let users inhale nicotine-infused vapors, which don't contain the tar and carbon monoxide found in tobacco smoke.

"I smoked cigarettes for over five years," Duprey said. "With the e-cigs, I still get nicotine, but I think it's better than inhaling cigarette smoke."

In a study released last year by Wells Fargo, sales of e-cigs have

gone from virtually nothing to \$1.7 billion in annual sales in just over five years.

According to the study, sales could hit \$10 billion by 2017 — still a small chunk of the overall \$100 billion tobacco industry, but with triple-digit growth rates still in its future, e-cigs have the potential to eventually rival tobacco sales.

As recently as March, however, several bills have been written to regulate the e-cig market, which up until recently, has operated relatively free from government regulation.

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campuscalendar

April 1 Sinclair Talks: Film review and discussion Half the Sky <i>Building 2 Room 334, 11 to 12:15 p.m.</i>	April 3 Sinclair Talks Geography <i>Building 7 Room L21, 1 to 2:15 p.m.</i>	April 8 Sinclair Talks: Sinclair Grads, their success stories, and why it's important to complete your degree <i>Library Loggia, 11 to 12 p.m.</i>
April 2 Sinclair Talks: Resume, Cover Letter, Interview, and Summer Job <i>Huber Heights and Englewood Learning Center Lobby, noon to 1:00 p.m.</i>	April 4 Sinclair Talks: Affordable Care Act- what is it and how does it work? <i>Building 2 Room 334, noon to 1 p.m.</i>	April 8 Sinclair Talks: Communication Skills <i>Building 2 Room 334, noon to 1 p.m.</i>
April 2 Sinclair Talks: Stress Management <i>Building 2 Room 334, noon to 1:00 p.m.</i>	April 4 Sinclair Women's Softball vs Owens Community College <i>Athletes in Action, 3:30 and 5:30 p.m.</i>	April 8 Sinclair Talks: Jump Start your Career in one minute <i>Building 12, South Atrium11 to 2:00 p.m.</i>
April 3 Sinclair Talks: Smart Budgeting tips! <i>Building 2 Room 334, noon to 1 p.m.</i>	April 4 Sinclair Men's Baseball vs. Cuyahoga Community College <i>Athletes in Action, 2 and 6 p.m.</i>	April 9 Sinclair Talks: So ... You wanna be a Teacher <i>Building 2 Room 334, 12 to 1:00 p.m.</i>

campusphoto

Each week, the Clarion will feature a photo of students without identifying them. Keep your eye out for a Clarion photographer throughout this semester. It's up to our readers to figure out if they or someone they know has been spotted.



crosswordpuzzle

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6 Journalist Paula
10 Silo occupant, briefly
14 Place to practice plies
15 Arab League member
16 ___ Tea Latte: Starbucks offering
17 Cost to join the elite?
19 "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" composer
20 Pay for, in a way
21 Wonder Woman accessory
22 Stroke gently
25 Kindle download that's too good to delete?
27 Like some felonies
29 Seuss pond-ruling reptile
30 Ready for FedEx, perhaps
31 Yahoo
34 Only 20th-century president whose three distinct initials are in alphabetical order
35 Origami tablet?
39 Common HDTV feature
41 Basic water transport
42 French royal
45 California city on Humboldt Bay
48 Certain allergy sufferer's bane
49 Expert on circular gaskets?
53 Induced
54 Places for pews
55 Places for sweaters?
57 Makes certain of
58 List of reversals?
62 Jeanne ___
63 Feigned
64 Inventor Howe
65 Fair
66 Bellicose god
67 They may be hammered out

Down
1 TV Guide abbr.
2 McRae of the '70s-'80s Royals
3 Ocean State sch.
4 Richie's mom, to Fonzie
5 National Institutes of Health home
6 Don Diego de la Vega's alter ego
7 Pal of 6-Down
8 Czech diacritical
9 Terre Haute-to-South Bend dir.
10 More repulsive
11 Event offering superficial pleasure
12 Crude containers
13 Muezzin's tower
18 Early sunscreen ingredient
21 Tapered support item
22 Chem. pollutant
23 "Evil Woman" rock gp.
24 Hacks
26 "The Closer" star Sedgwick
28 Libra's mo., perhaps
31 Glitzy wrap
32 On vacation
33 Stop wavering
36 Wee bit o' Glenlivet, say
37 Apportioned
38 Unagi, at a sushi bar
39 November meteor shower, with "the"
40 Liqueur named for an island
43 Once known as
44 "The World's ___": 2013 sci-fi comedy
46 "Romanian Rhapsodies" composer
47 Metric wts.
48 One of the Ivies
50 Fur tycoon
51 Ristorante potful
52 Iraqis' neighbors
56 Word with white or fire
58 Thurman of film
59 Recycling vessel
60 Delt neighbor
61 Superhero symbol

sudokupuzzle

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The objective of the game is to fill all the blank squares in a game with the correct numbers. There are three very simple constraints to follow. In a 9 by 9 square Sudoku game:

- Every row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.
- Every column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.
- Every 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9.

Every Sudoku game begins with some squares already filled in, and the difficulty of each game is due to how many squares are filled in. The more squares that are known, the easier it is to figure out which numbers go in the open squares. As you fill in squares correctly, options for the remaining squares are narrowed and it becomes easier to fill them in.

Sudoku Tips: Start by looking for numbers that occur frequently in the initial puzzle. For example, say you have a lot of 5's in the initial puzzle. Look for the 3x3 box where there is no 5. Look for 5's in other rows and columns that can help you eliminate where the 5 might go in that box. If there is a 5 in column's 1 and 2, then there can't be a 5 anywhere else in either of those columns. You know then that whatever leftmost 3x3 box that is missing a 5 must have it go in column 3. If you can eliminate all the possibilities in that box except for 1 square, you've got it down!

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SAMUEL SAWAYA

Lowell Wagner
Reporter

Who he is....

Samuel Sawaya is a History and Humanities teacher on campus. He was a world traveler who, when he was younger, never dreamed of becoming a teacher.

Why he is interesting....

Sawaya originally wanted to be a diplomat or a lawyer. However, his life took a much different turn than he expected. He was born and raised in Dayton, obtained an undergraduate at Xavier and a masters in History at Georgetown. His first job came from acquaintances who wanted to start a shipping business in Saudi Arabia. The goal was to move sand in cargo ships to countries that had beaches. He had the job for about a year.

"I had already got my masters degree in History, so I thought maybe I should do something practical with my life and get a business degree," Sawaya said.

He went to the University of Dayton to obtain his masters in Business. He considered pursuing a doctorate, but during this time he accepted a job as a financial planning manager in Cyprus, Greece.

"That was one of my life dreams, to live and work overseas," he said.

Little did he know then the realization that he wanted to be a teacher would occur during this time.

While working as a financial planning manager, he was surrounded by people who spoke Greek and decided it was necessary to learn the language.

"I knew exactly enough Greek to get me in and out of church," he stated.

This was not enough. This need lead him to TAA-SIS (The American school in Switzerland), where he realized he would be a teacher.

"Gradually, it was an entry into me being a



Lowell Wagner | Clarion Staff

teacher," Sawaya said. He started his teaching career with algebra, and over the years he has had the opportunity to travel the world.

"I've been to France, Cyprus, Lebanon, most of western Europe, northern Africa and the middle east," Sawaya said.

During spring term in 2004, Sawaya was offered an opportunity to teach at Sinclair Community College.

"I was teaching Human Geography and World Regional Geography," Sawaya said.

As his career continued, he branched out into different areas of History and Humanity.

"I've been to a lot of the places I teach about," he said.

During the 2013 summer semester, he suffered a heart attack, which required surgery.

"Everything happened so quickly, I had no time to worry," he said. "I was more worried about how [I was] going to get my papers graded."

He said many students stopped by to see him through his recovery.

"One of the girls from my class who was a physical therapy student ... she made sure that I got up and walked, she said 'if I have to come back every day to make sure you get exercise, I will,'" he said.

He was pleased with how the students treated him.

"You know this is the summer term, where do you get that kind of loyalty, or that kind of interest from the students?" He said. "I must have done something along the line to have earned that kind of ... respect."

Sawaya returned in the fall of 2013 to continue teaching.

"I'm enjoying my time with my students more than I have before."

clarioncorrections

In the **March 25 edition**, the Clarion ran a story about the Theatre department's upcoming production "A Flea in Her Ear," and the following errors occurred:
Nelson Sheeley is the director of the play, not the producer.
Brian Morgan is the stage manager for the performance, and is also a student and student worker, not a faculty member.
For an updated version of this story, visit our website at sinclairclarion.com. We apologize for the errors.

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E-Cigs continued from front

Sinclair Nursing student Alissa Roberts said it was comforting to know her teenage son can't legally buy e-cigs. "I've heard stories from friends about how e-cigs made it easier for them to cut back smoking," she said. "But I still think

Evans said she regularly sees students on campus using e-cigs, who claim the tobacco-

"I still use them though. I'd rather take my chances and just trust that they're not as bad for me as cigarettes. Like all that stuff, it's a lifestyle choice. I'm not hurting anybody, I don't see anything wrong with it."

“Most people don’t take the tornado watches and warning serious — believe me, once you see the destruction in person, you will take it serious,” Ramby said in an email interview. “When there [are] tornado watches out and the sky gets black — I get nervous. When I worked at GM Security [and] there was a tornado warning for our location, we would signal thru the PA system for the employees to take cover in

“We’re going into severe weather season, people need

to pay attention to severe weather warnings,” Khani said. “Be careful about it because you don’t want to mess with tornados; you want to be aware of it, you want to take precautions, you want to be in an area where you increase the chances of your survival. The more knowledge people have about tornados, they can increase their safety. Make sure you understand severe weather forecasts, and pay attention.”

Tornado Safe Shelters

Building 1 - entire basement level
Building 2 - entire lower level and basement level
Building 3 - entire basement level
Building 4 - entire lower level and basement level
Building 5 - entire basement level
Building 6 - entire basement level except the hallway outside rooms 6021-6025
Building 7 - Building 6 basement - Rooms 7006 A, B and C (stay away from glass windows and partitions)
Building 8 - northeast and southeast basement level, including the lobby and stairs area, the stage area and the Student Leadership Development Office, room 8025 - northwest and northeast basement level near rooms 8012-8014 south basement level near and in room 8021
Building 9 - northeast hallway near room 9102 ground and basement level of the northeast stairs -north area of basement (designated for Child & Family

Education)

Building 10 - basement level near or in rooms 10L11-10L15

Building 11 - basement level hall near or in rooms 10L11-10L15 - Fredrick C. Smith Auditorium (room 12150)

Building 12 - Fredrick C. Smith Auditorium (room 12150)

Building 13 - entire basement area

Building 14 - basement level (east side) in the Audio/Video Production area (stay away from glass windows and partitions)

Building 15 - entire basement level

Building 16 - entire basement level

Building 17 - men's and women's restrooms

Building 19 - first floor center hallway from west entrance (keep all doors closed and latched)

Building 20 - room 20121

men's and women's restrooms,
rooms 102a, 102d, 104, 105 and

men's and women's restroom,
rooms 103, 117, 118, 119, 121b
and the Bookstore

men's and women's restrooms,
rooms 112, 113, 114

men's and women's
restrooms, rooms 103, 104, 105a
and 105b

inside classrooms on the north
side of building

**The Learning Center at
Miami Research Park**

Garden West conference room

Minority Student Success

Al Washington



Whitney Vickers | Clarion Staff

Al Washington is a Liberal Arts major who wishes to work with children. He is just a few classes away from graduating from Sinclair.

Whitney Vickers
Editor-in-Chief

Minority is the term used to represent a relatively small percentage of the population. According to Dr. Bobby Beavers, the coordinator of Minority Student Success, “African Americans are considered a ‘minority’ because we represent a lower percentage than the majority population.”

He added that students who are considered a minority may have a harder time in college.

“There are many reasons for the barriers experienced by African Americans as they pursue a college education,” he said in an email interview. “College readiness is a factor that can impact success or failure. Students may not be ready for the academic rigor of college because of previous educational experiences. Students may not be ready for the financial impact. Many will have to work and go to school to continue to support their families. Students may not be ready for the overall college experience. Also, many African American students are first-generation college students — the first in their families to attend college. Individually or collectively, these factors can impact the expedient and successful completion of a college degree.”

Al Washington, who is Liberal Arts major, started at Sinclair Community College in fall 2011 and has faced his fair share of chal-

lenges while earning his degree.

“I never thought I’d be a college student, especially with the life that I was living; education never crossed my mind,” he said. “Now being a returning student, it was very difficult for me. When I first got on campus, I didn’t even know what a syllabus was — that’s how out-of-touch I was with school. I didn’t know the correct way to write an essay or how to do a research paper, so I struggled. I remember staying up until two or three o’clock in the morning with tears in my eyes ready to give up, but I realized that I came a long way.”

He spent time “ripping and running the streets,” but changed his life by becoming a Christian, surrounding himself with supportive people and “believing in the holy spirit.”

He began his time at Sinclair by pursuing a degree in mental health, but later realized that he wanted to change his major. However, he never gave up the idea of working with kids.

“I prayed about it, and a light bulb went off and said ‘I want to be a teacher,’” he said. “Growing up [and] dealing with different issues at a young age, I didn’t have anyone who understood what I was going through ... I know what these kids are going through, so who else could relate to these kids and let them know that regardless of their circumstances, there’s always a way out. People miss the beauty of kids and how they

develop. Life circumstances can put a hinder on how they develop; they have to grow up fast to have to learn how to survive, so if I can have a part in that to help them — I’m all for it.”

He later started working at a daycare with school-aged boys. There, he helped them with their homework and said the children he worked with changed their attitude and improved their grades.

“By me working with the boys, they had an attitude adjustment. Their grades improved by me working with them,” he said. “I made them believe in themselves. I always shared with them that we are a team, and I put it into terms that boys could understand ... And I always shared with them ‘I believe in you, but you’re going to have to believe in yourself,’ so I made them build confidence in themselves.”

He is currently two classes away from completing his degree at Sinclair, and three years away from earning his bachelors and masters degrees at Wright State University. He also serves as the president of the African American Culture Club, and he works in the Psychology department. He advises students to never give up.

“I never gave up on myself, and I worked hard and stayed dedicated to my craft so I could perfect myself day in and day out,” he said. “Everything is a humbling experience. I appreciate it, and I’m blessed and humbled; I’m no better than the next person.”

Essay contest to be held on Sinclair's campus

Andrew Fisher
News Editor

With Earth Day approaching, several clubs have teamed up to sponsor an essay contest, meant to correspond with a number of Earth Day related events scheduled to happen on Sinclair Community College’s campus.

The contest is sponsored by Sinclair Student Government, the Green Machine Club, The Ohio Fellows and the Office of Campus Ministry, is open to all Sinclair students.

According to Ohio Fellows Advisor Tom Roberts, the “winning essays will be the ones that best answer the question: ‘why do we call earth, Mother Earth?’”

First, second and third place prizes will be awarded to winning essays, which will be announced during the Earth Day celebration that takes place on April 21.

Roberts said the winning essays be displayed in the Ponnice Kendall Center in Building 8 for people to view, and may be read aloud at the Earth Day celebration.

“We thought it would be a good idea to invite students to talk about what mother earth means to them, and to invite people to think about why we do actually call earth ‘mother earth,’” Roberts said.

Essays should be between 600 – 800 words in length and must be submitted to Thomas.Roberts@sinclair.edu by April 11. Check out the Clarion edition, on stands April 14 for more details on the various events and clubs involved in the April 21 Earth Day celebrations.

Tax season has begun

Above is a self-employment tax form. Buerschen provided some formulas to assist in the process.

Whitney Vickers
Editor-in-Chief

With tax season among us, the Clarion spoke with adjunct Mathematics instructor Steve Buerschen about how individuals can go about preparing their own taxes.

“Depending on your circumstances, you’ll either have to fill out a short [tax] form or a

long form,” he said.

He added that students who receive financial aid might have that added as income.

However, if the cost of books and tuition is greater than the amount received through Pell grants or scholarships, they may be eligible for an educational deduction.

“There’s a separate form that has to be filled out for you

Unique April holidays

C L A R I O N C O M M E N T A R Y

Jennifer Franer
Assistant Editor

April is known National Humor month. Maybe this is because April Fools comes on the first day and it flows throughout spring after harsh winters kept inside, away from social and comical interaction.

Nevertheless, April 1 is a day that most pranksters have known and loved for a long time, as it is April Fools Day. On this day, take the time to pull the biggest prank you can think of on a friend of your choice. However, I’m sure instant karma will take a huge presence if you choose to go down the pranking route.

April 4 is Hug a Newsmen Day. Do you like reading the Clarion? If so, on this day, come up and tell each of our staff with a hug. Don’t worry, we won’t mind — just be sure to remind us of why you are coming at us with open arms so we can fully appreciate it.

No housework Day is on April 7. If you have started spring cleaning, use this day as a breaking point. Give yourself some time off from the dusting and rearranging. Maybe go get yourself an ice cream and forget about having a house to clean altogether.

April 9 is Name Yourself Day. Have you ever thought that your name just did not fit you? That life would just be so much better if your name was Jim instead of Candace? Let the inner name shine because on this day, you are given the liberty to be called whatever you want.



April 13 is Scrabble Day. Go ahead and bring the Scrabble in and get the game going, you may even be able to take scrabble to your classes as a way to pass the time, if you are lucky that is. If you have any trouble, just tell your teacher about the day and they should be fine.

April 14 is Moment of Laughter Day. Use this day as a time to tell as many jokes as you can and spread the smiles as far as they will go. You won’t regret it, because while you are telling the jokes, you will be smiling as well.

However, April 16 is Stress Awareness Day. Take those smiles and put them in the trash, because this day is all about stress. Remind yourself of all the homework you have to do, all the things you have procrastinated and the relationship problems you have been having, then after, get ready for the day that is ahead.

April 17 is National High Five Day. Give anyone you can a high five to represent how you were able to overcome the previous stress day. If you haven’t high fived in a while, use this as a time to bring the

to indicate a loan or financial aid that you’re getting,” he said. “Financial aid counts as income. However, you can offset that by your tuition or book expenses. One of the tax credits you get is an educational credit, that counts as a deduction.”

Filing statuses depend on the individual’s living situation, and include head of household, single, jointly or widowed.

“If you’re head of household, that means you’re a single parent raising one or more children. The difference between [filing head of household and filing as a widow] is the head of household pertains to a divorced or a never-married person who is raising kids,” he said.

He added that it is a common misconception for one to believe that taxes must be paid by April 15.

“April 15 is the filing deadline; it doesn’t mean you have to pay by April 15,” he said. “If you don’t file by April 15, then you get a penalty. As long as you file and the IRS receives your tax form with no payment, they’ll send you a bill.”

high five back again.

April 20 is Volunteer Recognition Day. If you know a volunteer or have been one yourself, go ahead and give yourself a pat on the back. Maybe on this day it can also be motivation to sign up to do a little more volunteering. Whatever you choose to do, make sure you, or someone you know, is recognized on this day.

World Laboratory Day is April 23. This day celebrates great discoveries, inventions and medical cures. If you have a scientist you would like to thank, be sure to do so on this day only, taking pride in those who have made great leaps to better our world.

April 26 is National Pretzel Day. On this day, eat everything pretzel. Pretzel bread, a soft pretzel, a hard one, any candy that may have pretzel in it. Embrace the pretzel-loving persona within you, taking advantage of it while you can.

On April 28, it is Great Poetry Reading Day. If you have a poem you would like to read but haven’t had the chance, go ahead and whip it out on this day, finding your way to the podium in the stage area of Building 8 to read to your heart’s content. Encourage others to participate in the day as well.

We end the month on April 30 with Hairstyle Appreciation Day. Use this day to appreciate the hairstyles that you love, going around complimenting the hairstyles you like, and finding new ways to wear your own hair.

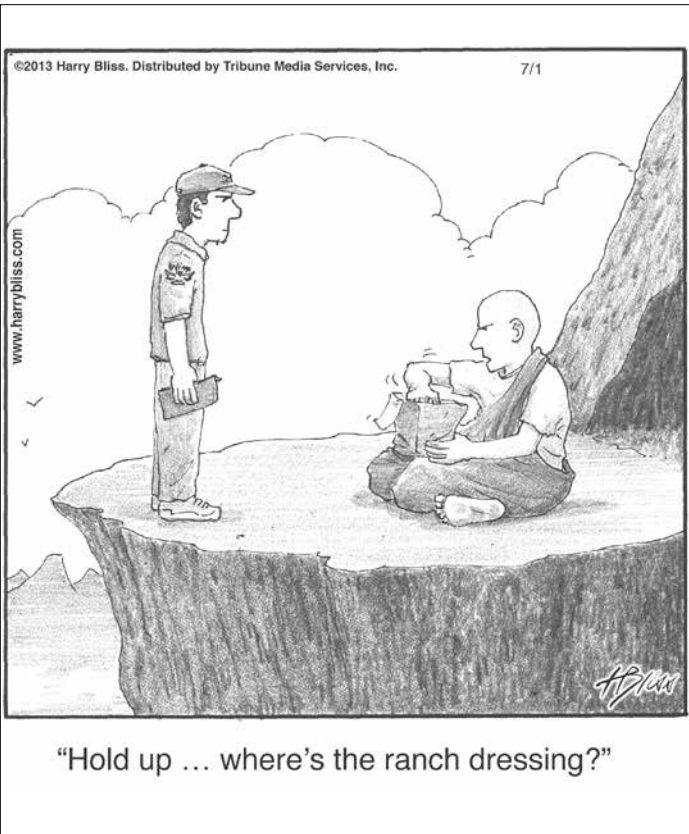
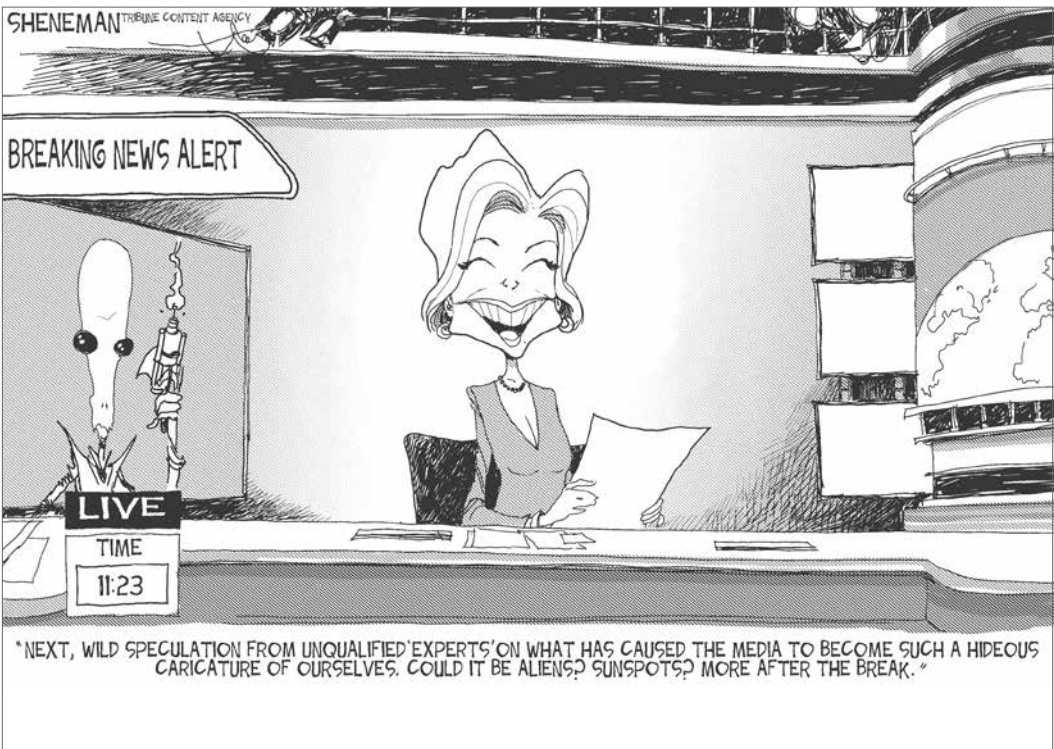
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Keep internet access wide open

The Seattle Times
(MCT)

How much warning does the Federal Communications Commission need about the imminent demise of net neutrality?

The idea of a free and open Internet for all users and technologies is heading toward a toll booth. Last month Netflix cut a deal with Comcast to spritz up delivery of videos, a deal the Netflix chief executive officer belatedly regrets.

Now it is media giant Apple that is flirting with

Comcast about priority access to its customers. Net neutrality is about preventing Internet service providers from discriminating between different kinds of content and applications online.

The erosion of net neutrality is intended to rig the game, so broadband customers pay more to their ISPs for special service, or companies pay more directly to the ISPs and then raise prices for their own customers.

As Free Press, an advocacy group on media and

technology issues, notes: "The biggest cable and telephone companies would like to charge money for smooth access to websites, speed to run applications, and permission to plug in devices."

So much for access and innovation in a system that thrived because of uninhibited access and the competition from new ideas.

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler said his agency will try again to craft regulations to ensure open access to the Internet. He pledged this effort after

a federal U.S. Court of Appeals ruling once again knocked down tepid FCC regulations for ISPs.

Indeed, the court pointed the FCC toward the legal status of common carriers for broadband providers, the same as a telecommunications service.

The broadband industry wants to pick and choose providers, fiddle with service quality and keep inching up subscriber costs. The FCC must craft rules that can withstand legal scrutiny, and scrap the dreams of Internet toll booths.

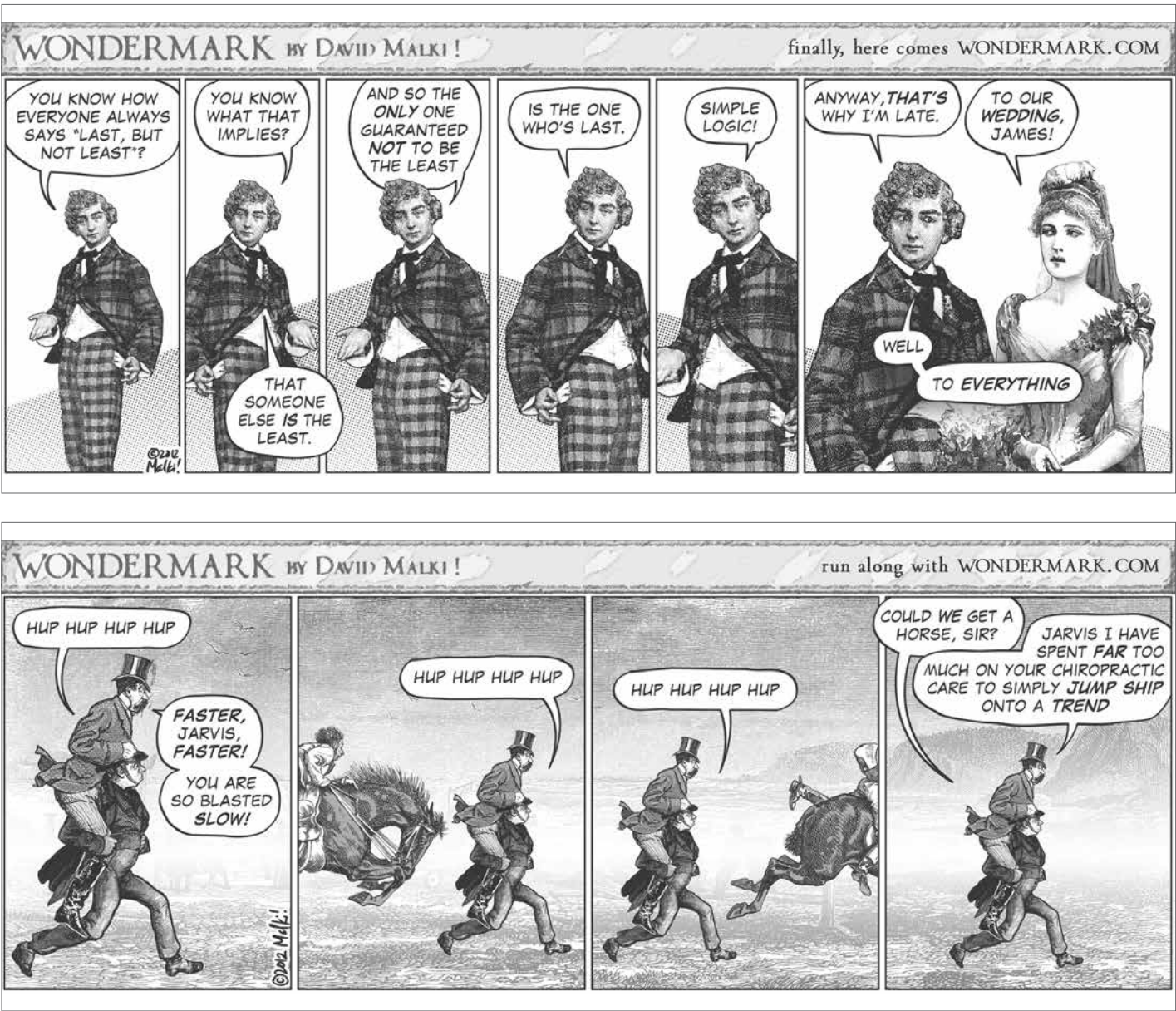
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1. With the kitchen-sink sprayer facing forward and the water off, wrap a rubber band tightly around the trigger so it is locked in the “on” or “fire” position. When the victim turns on the faucet, they’ll get soaked! Ha! (Just remember not to forget that you’ve done this or you’ll blast yourself!)



2. Glue a couple of realistic-looking fake quarters to your driveway or other non-public property. It works better with real quarters, but we hear that’s illegal. Your call. Then sit back and watch your kids drive themselves batty trying to pick them up. You’ll fall off your porch laughing.

3. Stuff tissues or toilet paper into the toes of your family’s favorite shoes, then watch them struggle to get them on in the morning. “Dang, Mom. Have your feet swollen that much?”

4. After everyone’s asleep, set all the clocks ahead one hour. Then wake everyone up (at the usual time) screaming about how they overslept, missed the bus, are going to be late for school or work, etc. As they’re all scurrying about, frantic and worried, just lie back and laugh. You stinker.



5. Glue a pen cap on, then ask someone if they can get it off for you.

Celebrate April Fools Day with a few unsuspecting friends

Here’s the thing about reading the paper. If you do it, it gives you an advantage over those who don’t. How can you best use this advantage to show non-readers what fools they be? We have a few ideas. Now let’s be clear here. We’re not telling you to play April Fools’ Day jokes on non-readers. We’re just saying, hey, these classic gags are going to be played on somebody. What you do with the following information is entirely up to you.

8. If your family eats cereal for breakfast, remove the plastic bags from the boxes and switch them up. When they go to pour Raisin Flakes, they’ll get Cocoa Booms! And if you really want to be mean, replace the milk with a mixture of flour and ... Wait, that is too mean. If you use milk in a cardboard container, just drop some food coloring in it. Pink milk anyone?



9. If you work in an office, leave a note on a manly co-worker’s desk saying he has flowers to pick up at the front desk. Have someone who has a voice the target won’t recognize leave a similar phone message. Then watch and laugh as he tries to convince the front desk to give him flowers that just aren’t there.

10. Buy a fake video security camera (available in joke shops and online for around \$10). The camera looks real and even moves and turns on a red light when it detects motion. Install it in your bathroom, then have a party. The first time a person uses the restroom, have the rest of the guests gather round your TV and laugh loudly enough for the person in the restroom to overhear. When the person returns to the room, they’ll see everyone watching a pre-recorded video tape of the empty bathroom, thinking they were just being watched in there. Caution: Make sure your friends have a good sense of humor. Until the joke is revealed, this one can be embarrassing!



— James Fussell, McClatchy Newspapers

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Great pranks throughout history

At the Web site www.museumoffhoaxes.com, the greatest April Fools jokes have been catalogued. It really is amazing what people are gullible enough to believe. Let us help you prepare to be suspicious by recounting a few of the great pranks of all time.

● In 1933, the Madison Capital-Times reported that the Wisconsin Capitol had been destroyed by a number of mysterious explosions, attributed to “large quantities of gas, generated through many weeks of verbose debate in the Senate and Assembly chambers.” Along with the story



A doctored Madison Capital-Times picture shows the Capitol’s collapse.

was a doctored picture showing the Capitol as it collapsed. The readers were fooled and shocked.

● In 1949, a New Zealand deejay for radio station IZB announced on the air that a mile-wide swarm of wasps was headed toward Auckland. He warned listeners to protect themselves by suggesting they wear their socks over their trousers when they went to work, and that they leave honey-smeared traps outside their doors. Hundreds of people took his advice.

● In 1957, the BBC news show “Panorama” announced that thanks to a mild winter and the demise of the harmful spaghetti weevil, Swiss farmers were enjoying a bumper spaghetti crop. The report included footage of Swiss peasants pulling strands of spaghetti down from trees. Large numbers of viewers were fooled, with many of them calling in to find out how they could grow their own spaghetti trees.

● In 1962, Sweden had only



The BBC show “Panorama” fooled viewers with a story on spaghetti crops.

one TV channel, which broadcast in black and white. The station’s technical expert appeared on the news to announce a recently developed technology that would allow viewers to easily convert their existing sets to display color reception. All they had to do was pull a nylon stocking over the screen, and they would begin to see their favorite shows in color. Reportedly, hundreds of thousands of people tried the conversion process.

● In 1976, a British astronomer announced on BBC Radio 2 that at 9:47 a.m. an unusual astronomical event

would take place that listeners could experience in their own homes. He said the planet Pluto would pass behind Jupiter, which would lessen the Earth’s gravity and allow listeners to float in the air if they jumped at that exact moment. When the time arrived, BBC2 received hundreds of phone calls from people claiming to have felt the floating sensation.

● In 1982, the Connecticut Gazette and Connecticut Compass, a pair of weekly newspapers, announced they were being purchased by Tass, the official news agency of the Soviet Union. Their front pages stated this was “the first expansion of the Soviet media giant outside of the Iron Curtain.” Readers were fooled, with one caller informing them that he had always suspected them of harboring communist tendencies.

● In 1993, a deejay at KGB-FM in San Diego announced that the space shuttle Discovery had been diverted from Edwards Air Force Base and soon would land

at Montgomery Field, a small airport in a residential area. Thousands of commuters immediately headed to the landing site, which caused huge traffic jams that lasted for almost an hour. Police had to be called in to clear the traffic and tell people with cameras, camcorders and folding chairs to go home.

● Corporate types like to have a little fun, too. In 1996, Taco Bell announced that it had bought the Liberty Bell from the federal government so it could be renamed the Taco Liberty Bell. Hundreds of outraged citizens called the National Historic Park in Philadelphia to express their anger. And in 1998, Burger King published a full-page ad in USA Today announcing the introduction of a menu item — a Left-Handed Whopper, uniquely designed with all the condiments rotated 180 degrees. Thousands of customers went to BK to request the new sandwich.

— Neil White, McClatchy Newspapers